

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMSListings of claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). A method for processing data in a portable terminal having an interface connected to an integrated circuit card, said integrated circuit card storing identification data and value data, said method comprising the steps of:

sending a request originated by a user using a telephone to a host center to update said value data stored in said integrated circuit of said portable terminal, wherein said request includes account information and identification information related to said portable terminal;

receiving a further request for user authentication data transmitted from a said host center when said request is verified by said host center;

authenticating said portable terminal with said host center based on said user authentication data stored in said portable terminal;

sending said identification data stored in said integrated circuit card to said host center when said portable terminal is authenticated;

receiving a permission for updating said value data in said integrated circuit card from said host center;

updating said value data stored in said integrated circuit card based on said received permission;

receiving a notification of completion of said updating of said value data stored in said integrated circuit card through said interface; and

sending said notification of completion of said updating of said value data to said host center.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented). The data processing method of claim 5, wherein said value data is an amount of monetary value.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented). The data processing method of claim 5, wherein when said notification of completion of said updating of said value data is not received an error processing is executed.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented). The data processing method of claim 7, wherein said error processing includes producing a buzzer sound.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). The data processing method of claim 5, wherein said portable terminal is a ~~portable telephone~~ pager.